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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action mailed on July 30, 2002, which required restriction of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicant elects to prosecute the Group I claims (claims 1-10) which are drawn to a polymer solution of diverse polymers with no separation phase. Applicants also reserve the right to prosecute the Group II claims (claims 11-27), which are drawn to a polymer solution of stretched polymer chains, in a divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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